

## TEXANETTES.

R. L. Smith's two-story residence at Paris burned.

Prof. Turner was re-elected superintendent of the Mineola public schools.

Fire broke out in a Tyler warehouse and destroyed several hundred bushels of corn.

Mrs. Mary Ann Croft, a Canadian by birth, but a resident of Duval county for twenty years, is dead.

The motion for a new trial in the case of the state vs. W. N. Mott in the district court at Baird was overruled. Notice of appeal was given.

John T. Melton, a prominent farmer and stockman of Collin county, died near McKinney.

The ranch house of W. T. Petty, manager of the T Bar ranch, ninety miles north of Colorado, was with all its contents destroyed by fire.

A three days' shooting tournament will be held at Burton on June 26, 27 and 28. Target shooting and shooting at live birds will be the principal events.

Mrs. D. M. Higgins had her buggy demolished in a runaway at Gainesville, but fortunately she and her daughter, who accompanied her, escaped without injury.

John H. Pridemore of Waxahachie lost his \$1000 mare in an accident. The animal was very highly bred, and was possibly the fastest traveler this side of the Mississippi.

Some one attempted to burn the lumber yard of R. Y. Cox at Hico. Oil was poured on the lumber and it set on fire. Fortunately the lumber was piled close together and but little damage was done.

William Campbell, aged 65 years, was convicted in the Federal court at Paris of manslaughter. His two sons, Charley and Albert, jointly indicted, were acquitted.

News was received at Georgetown that Claudia Snow, son of C. S. Snow of the Whitehouse neighborhood, was thrown from his horse and killed. The father of the boy is in western Texas looking for a location.

The Texas and Pacific railway turned out of its machine shops at Marshall Texas and Pacific switch engine No. 133, that is used in the yards there and has been pronounced by railroad men as being first-class.

The residence of City Tax Collector Stewart at Longview was struck by lightning. The wall paper in the sitting room was badly torn. Mrs. Stewart, who was nursing a child, was partially stunned.

A gold medal contest was held at Leonard, participated in by Lillie Wright, Kingston; Earl Luper, Caddo Mills; Will Pruett, Blue Ridge; W. H. Wright, Leonard and Miss Winnie Brown, Bailey. Prof. W. W. Franklin of Dallas acted as judge, awarding the medal to Mr. Wright, the Leonard representative.

During the shut down of the wool scouring mill at Colorado thieves entered the building and stole the brass parts from the engine, presumably to sell them for old metal. Parts to the value of \$20 were taken. New parts had to be ordered from the east.

The old settlers of Cooke county are beginning preparations for their reunion in August. This will be their second coming together and the executive committee, who have been designated to make all arrangements, are determined to make the August meeting a success.

Rev. L. Nanger, pastor of the M. E. church at Meranite, assisted by W. H. Brown of Clarksville, have closed a meeting there. There were seventy-eight conversions and thirty-eight additions to the church. Great interest was manifested in the meeting throughout.

The 10-months-old child of Axel Malberg, a prominent Swedish farmer, dying a few miles out from Georgetown, reached up to a pan of water on the stove and pulled it over on itself, scalding itself from the effects of which the child died.

Messrs. Charles D. Frazier of the Rio Grande and Eagle Pass railway and Great Northern were before the commission on the matter of the fixing and adjusting of rates on "bone" coal from points on the Rio Grande and Eagle Pass railway.

## PASTURE AND FARM.

From many sections come favorable reports of the corn crop.

Grass is plentiful and corn prospects bright about San Diego.

Corn and cotton are doing splendidly around Blooming Grove.

Jim Dale has made three shipments of cattle to St. Louis recently from Bonham.

A Paris gardener reports that potato bugs are eating his plants and doing great damage.

At Lindale, Smith county, from one to two carloads of strawberries are being shipped daily.

During the month of April \$20 carloads of cattle were shipped from San Angelo to the Indian territory.

Sorghum is pronounced by practical men to be one of the most profitable forage crops known in Texas.

George Powers, one of the most prominent horse breeders of west Texas, died at Haymond of German measles.

The recent six-hour rain at Amarillo has caused grain to grow rapidly and raised the spirits of the stockmen considerably.

Two train loads of cattle, consisting of sixteen cars each, were shipped from Corpus Christi to Red Fork, L. A. They were put on grazing lands near Red Fork.

The finest rains known in the vicinity of Del Rio for ten years fell recently. The rain extended west as far as Devil's river and east nearly to Standard.

Parties in from the Indian and Oklahoma territories report good seasons and flattering crop prospects. Cattle-men especially are in good spirits and say cattle are doing splendidly.

Home-raised vegetables at Denison are supplying the local market altogether now and some are being shipped north. Despite the late spring and bad weather, spring gardens came in early.

Something like 1,200,000 horses are owned in Texas, but a great number are of little value. Texas' soil and climate are well adapted to raising the finest breeds and great progress is being made.

In the strawberry districts of the state this berry is fast ripening, and a great many carloads are being sent to various parts in the north and east, while quite a number are being shipped to various points in this state.

A fine rain fell at Sanger that insures a fine Irish potato crop and all garden stuff. Corn will be advanced to the "shooting" stage without more rain. Cotton on many farms is up and looks fine. The rain pulverized a great deal of freshly-sodded land that can now be put in cotton. The whole country looks beautiful and prosperous.

The breeds of cattle raised around Graham now are greatly improved over the old-time cow. Many of the ranches are stocked with thoroughbred Herefords and Durhams. Taking the situation, all in all, the country seems upon a basis of substantial prosperity.

The Cotton Belt railway is hauling many carloads of strawberries from eastern Texas to northern cities.

Messrs. Richardson and Albaugh of San Angelo have returned from a trip through the sheep country south and west. They viewed about 158,000 sheep in good condition, though not yet ready to buy for shipment. The range of grass and weeds is in good condition, and the rains make the outlook full of promise.

A fine rain, the first since December, fell in Armstrong county, several days ago, putting a good season in the ground. Early crops were suffering some on account of the continued dry weather, but now they will come out all right and the pastures will be fine in a short time. From reports from the country surrounding the rain was general. Farmers are planting large crops and are happy over the prospects.

W. A. Pearce shipped out twenty-one cars of cattle from Italy, destined for Cuba via Galveston. He purchased the cattle there from E. B. Harrold, who had 600 fed there this season. Harrold shipped two cars, the remainder of the bunch to St. Louis.

## Compound Locomotives.

A dozen or more of the 45-consolidation compound freight locomotives, recently ordered for use on the south-western division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, are in service and are giving splendid satisfaction. On the Mississippi division they have increased the train haul 40 per cent over the old line. When the grade reductions are completed the improvement will be even more noticeable. The compound ten wheel passenger engines have developed unexpected pulling power and unusual speed.

## Six Thousand Miles of Railroad.

It may be interesting to note the following statement of mileage of the New York Central, leased and operated lines, which shows the total miles of track east of Buffalo as 6,114.81.

It is, of course, generally known that some of the western lines have a greater mileage, but their tracks run through a number of sparsely settled states, while the trackage of the New York Central and leased lines is all in the densely populated States of New York and Pennsylvania, accommodating, by its numerous trains, millions of passengers each year.

Here is the mileage of the New York Central leased and operated lines:

New York Central and branches	819.45
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New York & Putnam	61.21
Troy & Greenbush	6.60
Mohawk & Malone and branches	187.50
Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg and branches	624.35
Carthage & Adirondack	49.70
Gouverneur & Osgoatchie	11.66
New Jersey Junction	1.45
West Shore and branches	485.29
Beech Creek and branches	101.00
Watkill Valley	32.88
Syracuse, Geneva & Corning and branches	84.92
Fall Brook and branches	130.79
Pine Creek	40.00
Tioga Hollow	1.23
St. Lawrence & Adirondack	30.49
Terminal Railway of Buffalo	11.00
Total	2,882.56
Miles of leased lines	3,232.25
Miles of siding	1,000.00
Total number of miles of track and siding	6,114.81

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In certain parts of Sweden, where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of people, a very informal postal system is in vogue. As the mail steamer reaches a landing place a man goes ashore with letters, which he places in an unlocked box on the pier. Then the passer-by who expects a letter opens the box, turns over the letters and selects his own, unquestioned by any one.

The chief amusement of the emperor of China is the training of gongs and monkeys. The former he has, by dint of much patience, taught to do tricks of every kind. One is to jump through the paper windows, which are found everywhere in China, from the palace to the cottage. It is said that the palace press-downer complains of the expense of having daily to replace the breakage.

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HOME duties to many women seem more important than health.

No matter how ill they feel, they drag themselves through the daily tasks and pile up trouble.

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